

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please replace the claims, including all prior versions, with the listing of claims below.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A method of transmitting facsimile data from at least one first subscriber to at least one second subscriber, both requiring a real-time connection, comprising:
 - establishing a real-time connection to at least one first intermediate station and transmitting data to the first intermediate station;
 - preventing an acknowledgement for verification of a correct transmission provided from the at least one first intermediate station to the at least one first subscriber;
 - forwarding, from the at least one first intermediate station, the data to at least one second intermediate station over a connection which at least in part does not support real-time transmission; and
 - establishing real-time connection between the at least one second subscriber and the at least one second intermediate station, and transmitting the data to the at least one second subscriber; and
 - notifying the at least one first subscriber of a correct or incorrect transmission of the data not until a reception of the data by the at least one second subscriber.
2. (original) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein reception of the data of the at least one first subscriber by the at least one first intermediate station is acknowledged.
3. (original) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the reception of the data by the at least one second subscriber is acknowledged to the at least one second intermediate station.
4. (original) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the reception of the data of the at least one first subscriber is acknowledged by the at least one second subscriber, and the acknowledgement is transmitted over the entire link to the at least one first subscriber.

5. (original) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at least one first intermediate station forwards the data to the at least one second intermediate station over a network at least in part based on TCP/IP.

6. (original) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at least one first intermediate station and the at least one second intermediate station act in the form of a proxy.

7. (currently amended) An intermediate station sending facsimile data from at least one first subscriber to at least one second subscriber, the subscribers having a real-time communication link, both requiring a real-time connection, comprising:

at least one first intermediate station forwarding data to at least one second intermediate station over a connection which at least in part does not support real-time transmission, wherein

an acknowledgement for verification of a correct transmission provided from the at least one first intermediate station to the at least one first subscriber is not sent; and

a real-time connection is established between the at least one second subscriber and the at least one second intermediate station and the data is transmitted to the at least one second subscriber, wherein

the at least one first subscriber of a correct or incorrect transmission of the data is not notified until a reception of the data by the at least one second subscriber.

8. (original) The intermediate station as claimed in claim 7, wherein the intermediate station is configured as a proxy.

9. (original) The intermediate station as claimed in claim 7, wherein the communication link is a connection of a TCP/IP-based network.

10. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the communication link between the at least one first subscriber and at least one second subscriber is a real-time communication link.